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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Marc ALIZON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648 (Prior Appln.)
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Application No.: 09/986,799 ✓) Examiner: J. Parkin (Prior Appln.)
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Filed: November 13, 2001)
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For: A VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Reconsideration of the Notice dated November 27, 2001 (copy enclosed), is respectfully requested. Applicants note that this application is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/423,477, filed April 19, 1995, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 07/656,796, filed February 19, 1991, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 07/038,332, filed April 13, 1987. Therefore, this application has an effective U.S. filing date of **April 13, 1987**, which is prior to the *October 1, 1990*, effective date of the sequence rules. Consequently, applicants are not subject to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825 and are not required to submit a Sequence Listing. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the Office's requirement for a Sequence Listing in this application is in error.


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Respectfully submitted,

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